collected by the plantation companies during the last three years—year-wise, Company-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): The reference is perhaps to Unstarred Question No. 698 (instead of Question No. 798 as mentioned in the Question) answered on 29th July, 1997. Since the funds collected by plantation companies do not fall within the definition of 'deposits' as per Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 1975, information in respect of such companies which have mobilised funds is not maintained.

Transfer Poliiy in Reserve Bank

2230. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transfer policy of the officers is not properly followed up by the Reserve Bank;

(b) if so, the number of officers for grade II to VII, including the Currency Officers, who are staying at one place for the last 3-5 years in the Reserve Bank, details thereof including their names State-wise, Branch-wise; and

(c) in what way Government propose to deal with these violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that it normally adheres to the transfer policy for Officers. As per the terms and conditions of the transfer policy, the Officers' tenure at a centre is ordinarily for a period of five years. However, in cases of individual difficulties, or due to exigencies of servcie, exceptions are made and Officers are retained at their centres beyond the normal tenure.

Insufficient credit for Small Scale Sector

2231. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaints of the small scale sector that they are not getting sufficient credit and other encouragement; and

(b) what steps Government is taking to find solutions to the grievances of small scale secor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that credit to small scale industries (SSI) sector has almost continuously kept pace with the increase in net bank credit as would be obserevd from the following data:

(Rs. in crores)

As on last Friday of	Net bank crdit	Credit to SSI Sector	% of credit to SSI sector to net bank crdit
March 1994	140714	21561	15.3%
March 1995	169038	25843	15.3%
March 1996	184391	29482	16.0%
March 1997	189684	31542	16.6%